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1. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Had several conversations during the day with Donald Williams of the FBI, concerning the Agency's and the Bureau's replies to the request of Chairman Frank Church (D., Idaho) and Vice-Chairman John G. Tower (R., Texas) on the files of members of the Senate Select Committee. In response to my query, Mr. Williams said that no CIA material was involved in their replies and I reviewed the references to FBI material involved in our proposed replies.

2. (Unclassified - LLM) George Berdes, consultant to Chairman Clement Zablocki's (D., Wisc.) House International Relations Subcommittee on Internal Security and Scientific Affairs, called to request a briefing of the Subcommittee by Mr. Duckett on the afternoon of 23 July 1975 in the context of the Vladivostok accords. Mr. Berdes said that the Subcommittee had found previous such briefings by Mr. Duckett to be most helpful and I told him we would see what arrangements could be made.

3. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Joseph Murray, International Division of the General Accounting Office, concerning his earlier calls on Agency information concerning the effectiveness of control of nuclear material and told him that on two of the topics, we would have to refer him back to ERDA and on the third, on which we do have some information, we would prefer to deal directly with the House International Relations Committee. Mr. Murray had no problem with this response, but requested a letter from us which he could show to the International Relations Committee which had levied the requirement on GAO. I then explained this would not be necessary as we had already discussed this with Marian Czarnecki, Chief of Staff, Committee on International Relations and Murray agreed.

4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Emerson Brown, State Department, and he agreed that State's response to the request of the Multinational Corporations Subcommittee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, for information on Gulf Oil Corporations' political contributions in Korea would not be extended to the CIA. (See Journal Item - 3 July 1975).

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1. (Internal Use Only - RC) I went over the transcript of the Director's appearance before the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail and Labor Management with Messrs. George B. Gould and Michael F. Cavanagh, on the staff of the Subcommittee. The idea was to sanitize and correct the transcript for publication. (See Memorandum for the Record dtd 14 July 1975.)

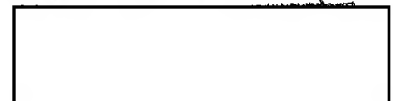
2. (Internal Use Only - RC) Spoke with Bill Cregar, of the ~~FBI~~ about the Director's appearance before the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail and Labor Management. He was referred to me by Walt Elder. I gave him a general run-down of the FBI aspects of the Director's testimony.

3. (Unclassified - LLM) Jim Oliver, OMB, called to advise that pursuant to Mr. Cary's request of 16 June 1975, the Agency will be exempt from the requirement of preparing inflationary impact studies on proposed legislation. Oliver said this was an informal exemption and is similar to the exemption extended to all other parts of the Executive Office as the inflationary impact requirement was intended to apply only to agencies with large programs.

4. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Elmer Henderson, Staff Director of Representative Jack Brooks (D., Texas), House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security, to advise him of the late receipt of Brooks' 8 July letter concerning [redacted] Henderson said he did not think any problem would be caused by a reasonable delay in the receipt of our reply which is otherwise due tomorrow, but asked if I would talk to Mr. William Jones, General Counsel, House Government Operations Committee, on the matter.

5. (Unclassified - LLM) Called William Jones, General Counsel, House Government Operations Committee, concerning the above letter of 8 July from Representative Jack Brooks (D., Texas), and he was very understanding and I assured him we would have the reply to Brooks this week.

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7. (Unclassified - DFM) Called Gary Clary, Administrative Assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S.C.), regarding the Senator's bill, S. 1395, to insulate armed forces medical personnel from malpractice suits. About a month ago I had asked Clary to see if the Senator might be willing to add CIA physicians to this bill, but had received no response from Clary. He said he had mentioned it to Senator Thurmond but had not received a final response and would ask him again. I told Clary I would ask Mr. Cary to call the Senator to promote such a move.

8. (Secret - GLC) First thing this morning, I received a call from Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) expressing further concern over the articles reporting on Searle Field's, of House Select Committee staff, memorandum of what he saw in Agency files about CIA "infiltration" at the White House. He said he would like to review the material seen by Field and Jack Boos, House Select Committee staff, at Headquarters when they visited here. I told him I would be happy to bring the material to him and have Walter Elder, of the Review Staff, go up to talk to him about it this morning if he wished. Elder and I subsequently met with the Chairman at 10:00 a.m. in his office. He reviewed the material and could find no logical basis for the conclusions stated in Field's memorandum. He then asked if it would be possible for us to release the text of the page of the summary of the 13 August 1973 document that contained references to the detailed Agency personnel to the White House staff. Elder and I agreed to look into this, but expressed some concern about including names of individuals especially in reference to [REDACTED] **MM**

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We talked to Mr. Nedzi about seeing Representative Robert W. Kasten (R., Wis.) on this since Kasten had made a number of public statements based on Field's memorandum and staff briefings on this subject. Mr. Nedzi suggested that we leave this in his hands for the moment and we gladly acceded. He also commented that he planned to talk to Searle Field on the subject. A short time later, Nedzi contacted me and asked to look at the material again because of references Field made to statements in the documents pertaining to [REDACTED] view of another commitment that I had, I left this matter in Mr. Elder's hands.

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10. (Confidential - GLC) In the absence of John Marsh, Counsel to the President, I talked to his Assistant, Russell Rourke, and filled him in on our conversations with Representative Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) regarding press allegations about information assimilated by Searle Field, of the House Select Committee staff, alleging Agency "infiltration" of the White House staff. I told Rourke that Mr. James Wilderotter, White House staff, had been in touch with Mr. John S. Warner, OGC, on this subject this morning and Warner had LDX'd to Wilderotter a page from the summary of the 13 August 1973 document which apparently was a basis for erroneous statements by Field in his memorandum. I told Rourke that we were working on the sanitization of this page for Nedzi and would be in touch with him later as the situation developed.

I also told Rourke that before entering the hearing with the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee this morning, Mr. Colby had flatly denied the allegations of Agency "infiltration" of the White House. We agreed to keep in touch on this subject.

11. (Unclassified - GLC) Mike Rosenbaum, in Representative Patricia Schroeder's (D., Colo.) Denver office, called regarding my letter of 2 July 1975 to Representative Schroeder concerning her request for information about [redacted] and the general nature of their duties and responsibilities. Rosenbaum asked for a reference to the statute involved which was the basis for our exemption under the Freedom of Information Act for protection of intelligence sources and methods. I gave him the code citation to Section 102 (d)(3) of the National Security Act as amended and to Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949 as amended. 25X1

12. (Unclassified - GLC) Accompanied the Director to a briefing of the House International Relations Committee on the [redacted] [redacted] Bob Ellsworth, Assistant Secretary of Defense for ISA, also participated in this briefing. 25X1

13. (Unclassified - DFM) Took a call from Mike West, on the staff of the House Armed Services Committee. West inquired whether Agency materials are routinely sent to the National Archives as are the older documents of other Government agencies. I replied that the Agency had its own storage facilities and that documents were reviewed after a ten-year period and some were routinely destroyed. I told West that certain materials do find their way to the National Archives, such as the CIA materials used by the Warren Commission, but that this is the exception and not the rule.

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